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Education Division

Full scale operation with 8 vacancies, or approximately 1/3 of the Division is something to write about. It has been going on for months but now HEAR THIS!!!

Within the last six weeks two key positions are ably filled by Louis Ayala, Graphic Artist for the Department and Mrs. Abigail Wyman, Curatorial Aid, History, at the Arboretum.

Al Krueger, Senior Tour Guide, Arboretum, has done a masterful job keeping the Information Section in full operation by the grace of As/Needed Tour Guides and Scotch Tape! He now introduces two new men, Tour Guides - Robert (Bob) Copper and Charles Hoyt. Three new men have signed in for As/Needed Tour Guide positions: Raymond Hyde, Wes Velkov, and Ben White.

February 8, Diane Martin takes on the position of Education Assistant, Arboretum, and on February 15, Mr. Leo Legere comes as Education Assistant, Descanso Gardens. Tak Niiya is doing a fine job of operating the Youth Education program at both Descanso Gardens and the Arboretum, meanwhile deferring his transfer to South Coast Botanic Garden to open a youth program there.

Within this month a new Head, Arboretum Information is expected.

Real appreciation is extended to all those who have gone the extra mile to keep operations up to standard and a Hearty Welcome to all new employees.

From Descanso Gardens

Frances Raitt informs yours truly that Mr. Asa Crapo retired on January 31, '66. Best wishes go with you on your future 'fun in the sun.'

Remember the Annual Camellia Show during March 4 and 5. This is always a very beautiful and worthwhile show.

From South Coast Botanic Garden

Nancy Hercus, Don Woolley's new Girl Friday, gives the following bit of news from South Coast: Frank Alba left for a position at Monteclair hoping the change would be beneficial to his child's health; Harry Zimmerman was elected the new Representative to the Los Angeles County Employees' Association; Elbert Turner has accepted a position as Superintendent of the Lakewood Golf Course; Ed Hartnagle, formerly of the Arboretum, is the new Assistant Superintendent of South Coast; and Mr. James Terukina is a recently hired Grounds Maintenance Man. Best of luck to all!!

Library Listings

From Lydia Bowen, our able Librarian, the following list of new acquisitions in the Library are given:

"BOOK OF THE MONTH." Dumke. The boom of the 80's in Southern California. 313 p. 1944. Reprint of a classic California history covering a part of the Lucky Baldwin era.

BCSC Green Version High school biology (test); High school biology student's laboratory manual; High school biology teacher's guide; 1963-64

Cooke Freaks and marvels of plant life 463 p 1904

Coulter and Chamberlain Morphology of gymnosperms 466 p 1917.

Fisher: The theory of inbreeding 150 p 1965

McMillen Bugs or people? 228 p 1965

Martin and Barkley Seed identification manual 221 p 1961

Reynolds The aloes of tropical Africa and Madagascar 537 p 1966

Rizzini Useful plants of Brazil 166 p 1966

Tstitsin Wide hybridization of plants 364 p 1962

From Personnel Office

Vacation requests are due April 1, 1967. Every attempt will be made to approve all requests received by April 1, 1967.

Vacation requests received after that date will be approved only if the requested date is still available.

From the Business Office

Bernice McKeen, Assistant Payroll Clerk, has singed in the following new employees: Raymond Knapp and Hidea Abe, Grounds Maintenance Men; Linda Campbell, Typist-Clerk, As/Needed for Dr. Parks's office; Anthony Louis Ayala, Graphic Artist; Abigail Wyman, Curatorial Aid; and Tour Guides Robert Copper, Wesley Velkov, Benjamin White. A WELCOME TO ALL!!!

Lee H. Wakeman, Executive Assistant and Personnel Officer, wished all employees to note specifically the following pertinent facts regarding the Grievance Procedure which is included with this paycheck: 1. The employee may file within 5 working days on an official Grievance Form if after 2 days after an informal oral discussion with his immediate supervisor the supervisor fails to reply. 2. The immediate supervisor must within 2 working days after receiving the "Grievance Form," forward it to his section with the sections titled "Summary of Fact" and "Decision" completed indicating the action he recommends being taken. The section head must within 5 working days after receipt of the Form interview the employee and make a decision. After this the employee may write a memo to the section head with a carbon copy to his division head requesting his grievance be forwarded to the division head for more consideration. 4. The division head must then within 5 working days make a decision following a hearing with the employee and inform him by written memo of the action taken. 5. The Director will make a decision within 10 working days following a hearing with the employee and inform him by a written memo of the action taken.

NOTE: THIS IS JUST A BRIEF RESUME OF THE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE YOU WILL FIND ENCLOSED WITH THE FEBRUARY 10, 1967 PAYCHECK. PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE PROCEDURE CAREFULLY.

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From Education Division

As one of his first actions as the new Head, Arboretum Information, Don Dimond introduced a ticket-system for tram tours on weekends and holidays. The use of tickets is expected to eliminate the need for visitors to wait in the tram-loading area and to encourage their visiting other areas of the Arboretum until their particular tour leaves.

The new system was tested on the weekend of the Orchid Show, receiving a stiff trial on Sunday when 7,575 visitors passed through the turnstyles. The report is that the test was successful, and that after some modifications and further trial runs the new system will likely become permanent.

Library Listings

Cleland The cattle on 1000 hills 365 p 1964
Corner The natural history of palms 393 p 1966
Hiratsuka Higo Camellia 138 p 1966
Kernan Reforestation in Spain 52 p 1966
Kingdon-Ward Plant hunting in the wilds 79 p
Leadabrand A guidebook to the Mojave desert of California 180 p 1966
Menninger Fantastic trees 304 p 1967
Munro Pests of stored products 234 p 1966
Smith & Van Schaick California back country (Santa Barbara County) 64 p 1962

Employees' Association

Your County Employees' Association Delegation Chairman, Fred Boutin, Vice Chairman, Jack McCaskill, and alternates, Nat Jackson and Harvey Zimmerman attended the March 2nd Council, heard an analysis of the proposed Personnel Relations Ordinance, and attended a discussion of the function and structure of the Employees' Association.

Watch the Employee newspaper for important articles on how the proposed Personnel Relations Ordinance will affect you.

Your Chairman has been gathering information on the services of the Employees' Association with regard to salary, grievances, and insurance benefits.

Our Payroll Clerk, Bernice McKeen, and Accounting Clerk, Nora Talmon attended a dinner and meeting March 7, held by the Employees' Association for all County Payroll Clerks.

Forthcoming Vacations

NOTE: Vacation requests are due April 1, 1967. Every attempt will be made to approve all requests received by April 1, 1967. Vacation requests received after April 1, 1967 will be approved only if the requested date is still available.

From South Coast

James Noon has transferred to the County Road Department as of March 1, 1967. Mr. Ed Jenn is the new Grounds Maintenance Man beginning March 8, 1967. Welcome to the Department, Ed. Mr. Dan Zorich has become a Utility Tractor Operator. Congratulations, Dan.

Arbor Day (in spite of the rain) was a success with 500 in attendance.

A Timely Suggestion

The new Sunset Western Garden book is now available at the Foundation Gift Shop at a reduced price for a limited time ONLY. Regular price is $5.95 - Foundation price is $3.71 plus tax. This is an excellent book for southern Californians as it has much to offer the novice gardener.

Suspense Story of the Year

Our ace photographer, Charles 'Chuck' Kassler, is very much in the news. When he is not busy shooting posies at the Arboretum, he's off in the wilds saving people. Only a week ago, Chuck and other members of his Sierra Madre Search & Rescue Team set out to locate two mountaineers, Ogden Kellogg, Jr. and his fiance, Eleanor Dart, missing for two weeks on a 10,100 foot peak in Baja, California.

Chronology: February 13 - pair missing; February 15 - rescue planes actually flew over the pair but did not detect their frantic signals; February 23 - intensive search begun; March 1 - Eleanor located; March 2 - Eleanor evacuated at 8:30 a.m.; Ogden located at 10:00 a.m.; evacuation begun at 1:00 p.m. and not completed until 5:00 p.m.

The most hazardous task was hauling Kellogg up a vertical cliff over razor sharp rock from a sheer drop of 400 feet. The ropes were constantly frayed to shreds. A break at this point would have resulted in a drop of more than 1,000 feet below the ledge where he was trapped. Chuck reported the girl in fair condition, having survived by absorbing body food reserves. The boy was emaciated and could have lived but one or two days longer. Missing in this case was adequate signalling equipment such as mirrors and smoke flares, as well as knowledge of survival plants which abound in the area and could have been used for food. Chuck has now initiated a display at Descanso Gardens to inform the public as to the identity and usefulness of such native plants. Who knows when the Arboretum will be the source of information that saves lives - thanks to our 'Chuck' Kassler?!

NOTE TO ALL HOME GARDENERS AND THOSE INTERESTED IN LANDSCAPE GARDENING:

On Sunday morning, March 12, Dr. Leonid Enari, Arboretum Plant Taxonomist, will lead the first of three informal field trips designed to teach home gardeners, landscape architects, botanists and nature-lovers how to recognize poisonous plants and how to cultivate and make the best uses of plants having esthetic values. This first trip will consist of a two-hour walk through the greenhouses, nursery, and landscape exhibits at the Arboretum. Starting time is 9:00 a.m., leaving from the Gatehouse.

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Arboretum Articles

It is a pleasure to announce the appointment of Mr. Francis Ching to the position of Superintendent, Arboretum, effective July 1, 1967. Francis will take over the reins from George Spalding who will fill in the informational gap that has existed for many years. Mr. Spalding will be responsible for answering horticultural questions from the public or for referring them to others if necessary. Good luck to both of you in your new undertakings!

Since our last news letter there have been tremendous developments in and around the Peacock Pavilion. First, the building was dedicated complete with 7 piece orchestra, speeches and hors d'oeuvres with Supervisor Bonelli presiding in the dedication and turning on the switch that opened the veil of peacock feathers. All gardeners, tree crew and maintenance staff that worked so long and so diligently must be roundly applauded for their efforts in doing an almost impossible job in the short period of time necessary to meet the dedication deadline. Thanks so much for your help!

Library Listings

"BOOK OF THE MONTH." Van Rennsselaer, Eleanor.
New decorations with pods, cones and leaves.
199 p 1966. This successor to the author's popular Decorating with pods and cones has ideas galore for indoor and outdoor ornaments, including use of the newer resins.

Bainbridge Light as an ecological factor 452 p 1966
Bardi The tropical gardens of Burle Marx 160 p 1964
Berrall The garden, an illustrated history 388 p 1966
Dakin The lives of William Hartnell 308 p 1949
Ellacombe The plant-lore & garden-craft of shakespeare.
303 p 1878
Sussman & Halvorson Spores their dormancy & germination
354 p 1966
Voorhoeve Liberian high forest trees 416 p 1965
Whitten That we may live 251 p 1966
Wilson & Loomis Botany 4th ed 929 p 1967

Youth Education Section Reports

South Coast Botanic Garden: For the past month Tak Niiya has been working full time at South Coast getting the Youth Education facility ready for summer. Despite the lack of any base of operations he has set up the greenhouse, graded the allocated acreage, laid out initial garden plots, put in a temporary water line and is expecting to teach two of the four summer workshops beginning June 26.

During the summer Mrs. Phyllis Norris who heads the volunteer Tour Guides will work out a plan to take several Head Start groups for specialized tours. Lydia Birt Williams will teach the Pot Gardening Workshop and may take on an additional group of elementary children referred by the Head Start program, Wilmington area.

Descanso Gardens: Descanso Youth Education Section has already participated in the super-thrilling experience of being photographed for a Fall television and moving picture film while harvesting their garden produce. The Garden of the Handicapped children will be photographed - in action - on June 12 for the same program.

Summer courses are rapidly filling. Preparations are made for 172 youngsters. Mrs. Mary D'Autremout will teach the first session of Exploring Nature.

Mary MacAuthur, student at Chico College, returns again this summer, and will instruct Plant Adventure, both sessions.

Leo Legere, Education Assistant, hopes to initiate a new teenage course on Pre-Vocational Gardening.

LASCA summer courses are already filled by 230 eager children.

Three workshops will be tought by three members of the new Youth Education Volunteer Group. Another student teacher, Mrs. Julie Stokstad, will teach four Life in the Lagoon courses. The volunteer group has also given invaluable assistance throughout the registration rush. Nancy Zabriski, also of the volunteers, has given assistance with a series of 8 EMR classes.

Museum and greenhouse renovation has been ably assisted by volunteers, Ann Grove, Anne Hensley and Nancy Zabriski.

Education Division

Tour Guide Section: Popular Tour Guide, Chuck Hoyt, has left us after 6 months of dedicated duty to take over the ministry of a small Methodist church in Connecticut. Always a cheerful,willing worker, Rev. Hoyt, as he will now be addressed, left with our regrets coupled with our best wishes for success in his new post.

Publicity Notes: The full page spread on the Arboretum in a recent Herald-Examiner is the first ever in that paper according to Eddy-Jo Bernal, the reporter who wrote the story. She said that she checked the paper's morgue before coming out here and found nothing on the Arboretum.

At least a few of last weekend's visitors came as a result of the feature which also has prompted written inquiries. The photographer took about thirty shots including several of staff members. The only two who did not end up on the cutting room floor, at least in the edition seen, were Joe Lerchenmuller and Dieter Wilken.

As a guide for answering stray questions about the facilities in the Peacock Pavilion, they are being described, for the present, as the Peacock Pavilion Snack Bar, located on the upper level, where coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches and ice cream are dispensed, and where visitors may, although they are not encouraged to, bring their own sandwiches. Full course picnics, however, must still be eaten in the picnic area.

The Peacock Pavilion Gift Shop, on the lower level, offers horticultural publications, post cards, botanic paintings and small gifts.

From the Chief of Education, Dr. Crummett: Educational potentials and outreach of the Arboretum Turfgrass projects are being materially stengthened and augmented by the transfer of Dr. Hamilton Williams to the Education Division July 1. Plans are in progress to increasingly coordinate research, demonstration, and extension programming into a county-wide cooperative "Green Carpet" emphasis.

Personnel Office

As a result of departmental perseverance, the Department of Arboreta & Botanic Gardens was able to convince the C.A.O. of the need for additional pay for those persons who are responsible for operating 76" Professional Mowers! This convincing took place over a period of approximately 8 months, beginning with May of 1966 when it was first learned that the Department of Parks and Recreation had obtained a form of hazard pay for those on their mower crews who operated 76" Profession Mowers in parkways. From that time, this department asked the C.A.O. for inclusion of their personnel who likewise operated such equipment to also be included. The request was denied since it was stated that there was no hazard involved and that it was too late to change the July, 1966 Salary Ordinance. Negotiations were conducted between this department and the Personnel Section of the C.A.O. office until November, 1966 and finally they agreed that at their first opportunity - January 1, 1967 they would include all of our positions who operated 76" Professional Mowers on a full time, 95% or more, basis. The department was successful in not only getting just one position so qualified but both due to extra effort and a satisfactory presentation of its case to the C.A.O.

Lee H. Wakeman

New Health Insurance Programs

The Board of Supervisors has recently signed a contract with Blue Cross and therefore the County now sponsors two health plans that will become effective on October 1, 1967. One of the Blue Cross Plans (this qualifies for the $8.00 contribution) is a low option with basic hospital and surgical benefits at minimal cost and the other is a high option plan with greater protection, including a Major Medical. The following costs are listed for both Blue Cross option plans: COST TO EMPLOYEE (includes Co. Contribution)

	High Option	Low Option
Employee	$ 1.80	$ .40
Employee + 1 Dependent	15.50	11.75
Employee + 2 Dependents	18.20	14.25

Effective November 1, 1967, CPS-Blue Shield's Plan II - Major Medical will be cancelled and those enrolled in this plan must switch to some other County or Employee Organization sponsored health plan. Such change of plans must be made at once since CAPE, Ross Loos, Blue Shield (Plan I) and Blue Cross are only "open" for enrollment through August 31, 1967. DON'T DELAY!

CPS - Blue Shield's Base Plan provides medical, hospital and surgical coverage. Present subscribers in CPS Plan I (which will be continued) will shortly receive individual letters from CPS informing them of improved benefits at no increase in premiums. No action is required or forms to be filled out by subscribers of this plan.

Kaiser coverage will change from "BC" to " BB" effective October 1, 1967, giving dependents the same coverage as the subscriber. More information will be availabe on this and other Health Plans in the future. If you want more information or pamphlets on the Health Plans available through the County see Mrs. McKeen or Mr. Wakeman.

WOULD ALL EMPLOYEES NOT NOW ENROLLED IN SOME COUNTY OR EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH PLAN PLEASE CONTACT MR. WAKEMAN (PERSONNEL OFFICER) PRIOR TO AUGUST 25, 1967 - THANKS.

County & Department Sponsored Evening Classes:

The 1967 Fall Evening Class schedule will begin September 11, 1967 for those of you interested in advancing your knowledge and increasing your chances for passing Civil Service Examinations. Department courses to be offered include the following:

Class	Time and Dates	Location & Instructor
Home Horticulture	7-10 Mon. - Sept. 11 - Dec. 13 14 Sessions	Arboretum -Mr. Anthony
Home Landscape Design	7 - 10 Wed. - Sept. 13 - Dec, 13 14 Sessions	Arboretum-Mr. Wilson
Plant Identification	7 - 10 Wed. - Sept. 13 - Dec. 13	Arboretum - Dr. Enari
Home Horticulture	7 - 10 Mon. - Sept. 11-Dec. 11	Descanso Gardens - Mr. Simerly

A student may register in the classroom with the Instructor during the class session during the first two class meetings. No tuition fee is charged but students may be required to purchase books or supplies as required.

The Civic Center Evening Class Program sponsors over 100 classes conducted in County facilities in cooperation with local colleges. Most of these classes begin at 5:30 PM and end by 8:30 PM. Classes that may be of assistance to many Department employees include - Elements of Supervision, Basic Psychology for Supervisors, Human Relations, Organization & Management, Oral Communications, Written Communications, Office Management, Basic Interviewing, Business English, Business Correspondence, Shorthand Review, etc. For information about this and other classes, consult the personnel office. Student Body Fee for these courses generally is $2.50.

News:

Mrs. Frances V. Mills, R.N. was chosen as the outstanding County Employee of 1967. Her colleagues and friends have called her a "modern Florence Nightingale". Mrs. Mills became a nurse at L.A. County General Hospital in 1939 and later transferred to the Juvenile Hall and finally to the County Health Department. In 1962, she received a citation from the City Health Commission for her extensive involvement in controlling a typhoid fever outbreak. She has also received a commendation from the County Health Department this year which credited her with saving the life of a patient of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Clinic.

Mrs. Mills is described by her Department as "an exceptionally devoted and efficient employee". She is always ready to assume any assignment, no matter what the hour of day or night. She is frequently required to devote many off-duty hours to the performance of her duties; for example, in the 1964 diptheria outbreak, she worked 31½ hours overtime in less than two weeks. Mrs. Mills possesses drive ambition, conscientiousness and efficiency which amazes co-workers many years her junior.

Frequently, when her daily assignments bring a needy family or individual to her attention, she returns on her own time and gives very unselfishly of her time, money and other resources that may be needed. In past years she has given devoted service to the Chinese Nurses Association, P.T.A., YMCA, Boy Scouts, USC Chinese Students Club, Miserere House Mission, Organization of the Junior Blind, and several Community Coordinating Councils.

Picnic By County Employees Association:

The County Employees Association would like to invite all members to their LACEA Annual Picnic. Picnic to be held at Streamland Park in Pico Rivera, Saturday, August 19, 1967. There will be prizes, ice cream, soda, games. Please write Mr. Ernie Sanchez for free tickets. P.S. the Park has many different rides, but these are not free.

SORRY TO HEAR THAT YOU ARE SICK AND GET WELL SOON!!!!

Marie Castleman at Descanso Gardens
Gabriel Prado at Descanso Gardens
George Spalding at the Arboretum

Library Listings:

"BOOK OF THE MONTH". Berrall The garden, an illustrated history. 388 p 1966. Lavishly illustrated and large, this history of the gardens of the world incorporates a concise and many-fasceted text.

Crane - Flowers and folk lore from far Korea 93 p 1931
Hutchinson - The genera of flowering plants Dicotyledons. Vol 2 659 p 1967
Rogers - Trodden glory (California poppy) 130 p 1949
Salter and Goode - Crop responses to water at different stages of growth 246 p 1967
Truman and Butts - Scientific guide to pest control operations 187 p 1967
US Dept Commerce - Pocket data book of USA 368 p 1967
Welch - Dwarf conifers 334 p 1966
Williams - Trees recommended for street planting in Orange County 66 p 1967

WELCOME TO:

At South Coast - Stuart Bedwell a Grounds Maintenance Man

At the Arboretum - F.M. Richbourg III & Keith Fisher who will be Tour Guides to shore up the Information Section.

Keith Walden & Norm Isbell who will be temporary Grounds Maintenance Men during the summer months

Ken Montgomery who replaces Fred Boutin as the Department's Plant Research Assistant.

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From Dr. Stewart

"It is a real tribute to our gardening staff to have the grounds at all of our facilities in such an attractive condition during the difficult months of summer heat. I know this involves extra effort, particularly in regards to watering. We all want to express our appreciation because we know it means extra effort.

Thanks."

From the Foundation

The Foundation is sponsoring a Water Color and Sketching class with Gerry Patten as instructor. The classes will meet for 12 sessions beginning September 20, 1967, in the Lecture Hall of the Arboretum. Fee: $20.00 for Foundation members and $25.00 for non-members. If you have any family or friends who might be interested, please tell them to telephone the Foundation Office at 447-8207 for advance reservations.

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The Foundation Gift Shop has in stock some new and unusual items - drop in and get some ideas for Christmas! (It is later than you think).

Information Section Reports

Don Dimond has informed your editor that tickets are now being issued for all tram tours. Introduced last March as a means of loading trams in a more orderly fashion on busy weekends, and also as a way of eliminating the need for waiting in the tram-loading area, the system was so well accepted by the public that it is now being used weekdays as well.

News of Personnel

It is with regret that we announce that Dieter Wilken, Research Assistant in air pollution, is leaving today to begin school at University of California, Santa Barbara. You will be missed, Dieter!! Good Luck!!

We are both sorry and glad to learn that Marie Castleman of Descanso, who fell some time back and injured some vertebrae, is doing very well at this printing. She is having to wear a brace, but says she is not too uncomfortable. Keep improving, Marie!!

The following new employees are welcomed to the department: Richard Lewis, Ground Maintenance Man at South Coast; Jitsuo Toyota, Grounds Maintenance Man at the Arboretum; F. M. Richbourg, III, Tour Guide, Arboretum; and also at South Coast, Stewart Bedwell.

Library Listings

"BOOK OF THE MONTH." Behl, P.N. and others. Skin-irritant and sensitizing plants found in India. 179 p 1966. An excellent gathering of hard-to-find information on plant irritants.

Burby An introduction to basic supervision of people 179 p 1966
Crafts & Yamaguchi The autoradiography of plant materials 143 p 1964
Hawkes Encyclopedia of cultivated orchids 602 p 1965
International Horticultural Congress, 17th, Proceedings 4 vols 1966
Jones Basic microscopic techniques 334 p 1966
McKell Hillside clearing and revegetation of fire hazard areas 5 p 1966
Slack Chemistry and technology of fertilizers 142 p 1967
Vessel & Wong How to stimulate your science program (elementary) 32 p 1961
Zivnuska The commercial forest resources and forest products industries of California 122 p 1965
Carpenter Interior decoration with living plants 29 p 1966
Traub The genera of Amaryllidaceae 85 p 1966
Lundegardh Plant physiology 549 p 1966

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Personals

The out-going luncheon for Bernice McKeen was held in the Lecture Hall on October 20 at 12:00 noon. Gertrude Woods and Diane Martin had changed the hall into a lovely fall setting with yellow table clothes, brown and yellow mums with long green leaves of cocculus placed down the center of the long tables. Thank you both for your lovely contribution.

Francis Ching deserves a great big "THANK YOU" for doing such an outstanding barbecue; all the Social Committee consisting of Al Krueger, Bob Copper, John Valadez, Marge Wood, Joe Erby, Don Fitch, Charleen Bastion helped with the food, the running around so necessary for an event of this kind, and setting up the tables.

Nora Talmon, Lorene Johnson, Hilda Sademan, Dolores Hubbell, Betty Seleger, and Edna Kettle served at the buffet table as well as doing 'kitchen police' later. Many, many thanks for all your effort in making this party for Bernie such a lovely one.

Dr. Stewart presented the plaque from the Board of Supervisors to Bernie after the luncheon. Lee Wakeman, our inimitable Master of Ceremonies, presented Bernice with the gifts from Descanso Gardens, South Coast Botanic Garden, and the Arboretum. Much humor was displayed during this time - thanks for making us laugh, Lee.

Mrs. Ethel Sanford, sister of Bernice, came in from Fontana for the festivities. Also among guests to wish her well in her retirement was her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Poindexter and her grandaughter, Mrs. David Raymond.

From the Foundation

The staff is cordially invited to come in and browse around in our Gift Shop. You may find many items for your Christmas giving.

From South Coast

Nancy reports that the brook area, thanks to Marty and his helper, Frank Perdomo who went down with a truck to help lay rock, is becoming more interesting all the time. Eventually South Coast will have a very beautiful brook which will certainly add to the appearance of the garden.

From the Personnel Department

Please see that your ballot for the County Employee Retirement Board Election is put in the ballot box which will be on the counter in the foyer of the Administration Building.

We wish at this time to welcome (if a little late) Charleen Bastion, our new Assistant Payroll Clerk. Charleen comes to us from Purchasing and Stores. She is doing nicely with little strain on being very competent in her new position. We hope you will stay awhile, Charleen.

From the Information Section

Once again the Information Section is short on staff - Tour Guide F. M. Richbourg, after some four months of service, has left to enter a family business in Denver.

In case you hadn't noticed, there is a display of insectivorous plants just behind the Gatehouse. These fascinating carnivores pose a lot of unanswered questions such as, why should the best known of them all, the Venus Flytrap. or, if you prefer, Dionaea muscipula, be native only to the coast of the Carolinas?

Library Listings

"BOOK OF THE MONTH." Boom, B.K. and Kleijn, H. The glory of the tree. 128 p 1966. Doubleday & Co. Much lore, sound information, and many color illustrations are incorporated in this Dutch translation about ornamentals.

Barton, Bibliography of seeds 858 p 1967
Blake Concentrated incomplete fertilizers 113 p 1967
Kenfield The wild gardener in the wild landscape 232 p 1966
Lillard Eden in jeopardy 329 p 1966 (California beautification problems)
Lichten Decorative art of Victoria's era 274 p 1950
Philbrick & Gregg Companion plants and how to use them 111 p 1966
Smith Resin and glass artcraft for flower arrangers and craftsmen 115 p 1967
Wilson and Bell The fragrant year 306 p 1967

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